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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
6/4-9/02	48	26	26
8/25-29/02	47	31	22
10/12-16/02	47	41	12
1/11-15/03	31	53	16
6/6-11/03	24	65	11
7/13-27/03	25	67	8
8/31-9/4/03	32	57	11
4/16-21/04	38	46	16
8/20-25/04	40	49	11
2/4-13/05	43	45	12
6/21-26/05	50	35	15
8/22-28/05	59	31	11
10/21-26/05	67	23	10
8/23-27/06	63	22	15
6/6-11/08	67	28	5
5/29-6/3/09	60	34	6
8/27-31/10	59	29	12
10/26-28/10	54	30	16
8/9-15/11	45	43	13
8/10-15/12	48	39	13
7/9-15/13	49	36	15
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>

2. Overall, would you rate the last 12 years under Michael Bloomberg's leadership - as excellent, good, fair or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	DK/NA
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>

3. Compared with all the New York City mayors you know of, living or dead, how do you rank Michael Bloomberg? Would you rate Michael Bloomberg as one of the best mayors New York has ever had, as above average, average, below average or as one of the worst Mayors New York has ever had?

	Best	Above Average	Average	Below average	Worst	DK/NA
10/21-26/05*	10	33	43	10	3	2
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

4. Do you feel things in New York City are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
10/21-26/05	63	28	8
6/6-11/08	37	56	7
5/29-6/3/09	40	51	9
8/9-15/11	36	54	10
7/9-15/13	53	37	10
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>

9. How would you rate the condition of the New York City economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
9/29-10/3/93	2	30	40	25	3
3/1-6/97	6	53	25	12	4
8/5-12/01*	12	66	13	5	4
10/6-9/01*	5	55	27	8	5
10/27-11/1/01*	4	54	30	9	2
6/4-9/02	4	46	34	12	4
1/11-15/03	2	28	42	24	3
6/4-11/03	2	22	43	30	3
4/16-21/04	2	43	33	19	3
8/20-25/04	3	44	32	19	2
2/4-13/05	3	51	27	17	2
6/21-26/05	4	51	28	14	2
8/22-28/05	4	55	25	13	4
5/29-6/3/09	2	34	38	25	1
8/9-15/11	2	27	39	29	2
8/10-15/12	2	42	33	20	2
7/9-15/13*	5	59	24	11	2
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>

10. How much do you think the condition of the economy in New York has to do with the policies of the Bloomberg administration - a lot, some, not much, or not at all? **NOT ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED DK/NA TO Q9**

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

11. In general, do you think New York City is becoming too expensive for people like you to live in, or not?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
6/21-26/05	83	13	1	3
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

12. In general, compared to other large American cities, do you think it is harder to make ends meet financially in New York City, or easier to make ends meet in New York City, or is there not much difference between New York and other large American cities when it comes to making ends meet?

	Harder	Easier	Not much difference	DK/NA
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>

RELATED TREND: In general, do you think it is harder to make ends meet financially in New York City than it is in other American cities, or easier?

	Harder	Easier	No difference vol.)	DK/NA
6/21-26/05	78	7	6	9

13. Looking ahead about four years, if it was entirely up to you, would you want to be living where you are now, or would you want to be living somewhere else in New York City, or outside the city?

	Living where now	Elsewhere in NYC	Outside NYC	DK/NA	NET In NYC	Outside NYC	DK/NA
12/7-14/81 <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	48	48	4
1/5-10/85 <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	54	42	4
4/27-5/3/85	44	15	40	1	59	40	1
6/17-20/90 <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	38	59	3
11/2-12/91 <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	37	60	3
3/1-6/97 <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	49	47	4
8/5-12/01	42	21	35	3	62	35	3
10/6-9/01	55	12	31	2	67	31	2
6/4-9/02	47	16	34	3	63	34	3
8/25-29/02	40	17	42	1	57	43	1
1/11-15/03	38	17	42	3	55	42	3
6/6-11/03	42	13	42	3	55	42	3
8/31-9/4/03	40	11	47	3	51	47	3
4/16-21/04	43	14	41	2	57	41	2
8/20-25/04	40	12	47	2	52	47	2
2/4-13/05	41	16	41	2	57	41	2
6/21-26/05	47	14	38	2	60	38	2
8/22-28/05	46	14	38	1	60	38	1
8/23-27/06	42	15	41	2	57	41	2
6/6-11/08	44	16	39	1	60	39	1
5/29-6/3/09	58	9	29	4	67	29	4
8/9-15/11	43	15	41	1	58	41	1
8/10-15/12	48	17	33	3	65	33	3
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>

<sup>1</sup>VARIED WORDING: Looking ahead about four years, if it was entirely up to you, would you want to be living in New York City, or would you want to be living somewhere else?

17. Regardless of your overall opinion of Michael Bloomberg, what's the BEST thing he has done since he became mayor?

	4/16- 21/04	2/4- 13/05	6/21- 26/05	10/21- 26/05*	6/6- 11/08	5/29- 6/2/09	8/2- 7/13
Controls spending/handles finances	6	8	4	5	5	6	<b>2</b>
Handles gov't like a business	1	1	1	3	5	4	<b>1</b>
Social promotion change/Bd of Ed	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Smoking law	4	3	2	2	1	2	<b>5</b>
Taxes	1	6	1	3	2	2	-
Jobs/unemployment	1	2	1	4	1	2	<b>2</b>
Dealings with the NYPD	2	2	2	1	1	1	<b>2</b>
Crime/safety	3	3	10	13	5	8	<b>10</b>
Transportation	1	2	-	1	2	2	<b>1</b>
World Trade Center/9-11	1	1	3	3	2	-	-
Education	14	7	17	19	5	8	<b>7</b>
General quality of life	1	3	1	3	4	2	-
Starting the 311 system	1	-	1	3	2	2	<b>1</b>
Rent/Affordable housing	-	-	1	4	1	-	-
Improved city					3	2	<b>4</b>
Building services/cranes					-	-	-
Congestion pricing					2	-	-
Nice guy/pleasant to people					2	1	<b>1</b>
Bicycle-sharing program/bike lane							<b>3</b>
Disaster relief							<b>2</b>
Environmental initiatives							<b>2</b>
Gun control							<b>2</b>
Health initiatives							<b>2</b>
Honesty							<b>1</b>
Improved economy							<b>2</b>
Infrastructure							-
Leadership/management							<b>1</b>
Social issues							<b>2</b>
Soda ban							<b>2</b>
Everything	-		-	-	1	-	<b>1</b>
Nothing	7	4	5	3	4	3	<b>8</b>
Other	4	6	2	5	10	18	<b>5</b>
DK/NA	48	49	39	26	42	37	<b>33</b>

18. Regardless of your overall opinion of Michael Bloomberg, what's the WORST thing he has done since he became mayor?

	4/16- 21/04	2/4- 13/05	6/21- 26/05	10/21- 26/05*	6/6- 11/08	5/29- 6/2/09	8/2- 7/13
Handling of finances	3	3	1	1	4	1	1
Social promotion change/Bd of Ed	2	-	-	1	-	1	-
Smoking law	9	3	2	3	1	1	1
Taxes	9	7	8	6	7	9	2
Jobs/unemployment	2	3	5	5	-	2	2
Dealings with the NYPD	2	1	1	2	3	2	1
Crime/safety	-	-	-	1	3	1	-
Transportation	3	6	3	1	3	3	2
World Trade Center/9-11	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Ticket blitz/ticketing in general	4	2	3	3	2	1	-
Education	9	7	8	6	4	5	10
Dealings with the FDNY	4	3	2	3	-	1	-
General quality of life	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Welfare/poor	2	2	1	1	-	1	1
Rent/Affordable housing	1	2	2	3	3	1	2
New stadiums	1	7	13	7	2	-	-
The middle class	-		1	1	1	1	1
Congestion pricing					4	2	-
Building services/crane problems					3	1	-
Term limit change						11	5
Bicycle-sharing program/bike lane							2
Health initiative							1
Social issues							2
Stop and frisk							3
Gun control							1
Increased cost of living/economy							3
Soda ban							9
Invasion of private lives							2
Not transparent							1
Catering to real estate ventures							1
Everything							1
Nothing	2	1	3	2	3	1	4
Other	5	8	7	7	5	13	10
DK/NA	39	40	35	44	50	42	29

14. Do you think race relations in New York City today are generally good, or generally bad?

	Good	Bad	DK/NA
1/10-12/88	25	64	10
6/21-25/88 <sup>1</sup>	30	59	11
6/11-17/89	28	60	13
6/17-20/90	21	72	7
5/10-14/93	25	61	14
9/29-10/3/93*	25	68	8
10/20-24/93*	19	69	12
3/1-6/97	35	54	11
10/13-18/97*	48	41	11
3/8-14/99	36	53	12
4/1-5/00	25	69	6
8/5-1/01*	51	34	15
6/4-9/02	63	25	11
8/22-28/05	63	25	12
10/21-26/05	57	34	10
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>

<sup>1</sup>In 6/88, the word "City" was omitted

15. Do you find Michael Bloomberg to be personally likeable, or not?

	Likeable	Not likeable	DK/NA
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>

16. How much do you think Michael Bloomberg cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself – a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

		Not	Not at		
	A lot	Some	much	all	DK/NA
7/13-27/03	10	26	27	32	6
4/16-21/04	11	32	30	24	3
2/4-13/05*	15	35	28	19	3
10/21-26/05*	21	43	21	12	3
6/6-11/08	25	42	18	12	2
5/29-6/3/09	24	38	23	13	2
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

19. Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think the overall quality of life in New York City has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/11-15/03	8	32	57	3
2/4-13/05*	23	23	53	2
6/21-26/05*	27	16	54	3
5/29-6/3/09	37	17	42	4
8/10-15/12	36	20	39	5
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>

20. Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think the quality of public education in New York City has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
4/16-21/04 <sup>1</sup>	18	22	50	11
2/4-13/05*	23	23	53	2
6/21-26/05*	27	16	54	3
5/29-6/3/09	37	17	42	4
8/9-15/11	24	27	40	9
8/10-15/12	36	20	39	5
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>

<sup>1</sup>QUESTION READ: "Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think the quality of public education in New York City has improved, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?"

21. Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think crime in New York City has increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Same	DK/NA
2/4-13/05*	17	35	45	3
6/21-26/05*	13	39	46	3
5/29-6/3/09	13	36	48	3
<b>8/2-7/13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>

22. Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think housing has become more affordable, less affordable, or has it stayed about the same?

	More affordable	Less affordable	Stayed about same	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	8	65	23	4

23. Since Michael Bloomberg became Mayor, do you think city government programs have done more to improve people's lives, or done more to interfere with people's lives? **RESPONSES ROTATED**

	Improve	Interfere	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	44	45	11

25. In general, do you think the policies of the Bloomberg Administration favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or do they treat all groups equally? **"RICH" AND "POOR" ROTATED**

	Favor the rich	Favor the middle class	Favor the poor	Treat all groups equally	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	55	13	3	23	5

26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Mayor Bloomberg pays too much attention to Manhattan and not enough to the other boroughs.

	Agree	Disagree	DK/NA
6/6-11/03	62	28	10
6/21-26/05*	67	24	9
5/29-6/3/09	57	35	7
8/2-7/13	70	25	6

**QUESTIONS 27-36 ROTATED**

I'm going to read you a list of policies that have been proposed or enacted in New York City. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of it?

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the smoking law that banned smoking in almost all bars and restaurants in New York City?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	82	17	1

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the addition of more than 250 miles of bicycle lanes in New York City?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	64	32	4

29. How about the bike-sharing program that allows people to rent bicycles for short rides in New York City?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the bike-sharing program that allows people to rent bicycles for short rides in New York City?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	73	24	3

30. How about the elimination of the New York City Board of Education which gave full responsibility for running the public school system to the Mayor's office?  
(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the elimination of the New York City Board of Education which gave full responsibility for running the public school system to the Mayor's office?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	33	57	10

31. How about banning the sale of soda and other sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces in restaurants, movie theaters, stadiums and similar food venues in New York City? (IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of banning the sale of soda and other sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces in restaurants, movie theaters, stadiums and similar food venues in New York City?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	40	59	2

32. How about stop and frisk, the police procedure where a New York City police officer can detain and search an individual to determine if the person is carrying a concealed weapon?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of stop and frisk, the police procedure where a New York City police officer can detain and search an individual to determine if the person is carrying a concealed weapon?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	50	47	3

33. How about the creation of the 3-1-1 phone system which provides government information and non-emergency services in New York City?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the creation of the 3-1-1 phone system which provides government information and non-emergency services in New York City?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	86	11	4

34. How about the creation of pedestrian plazas throughout the city?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the creation of pedestrian plazas throughout the city?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	72	20	9

35. How about the New York City health department requirement that all restaurants post the letter grades they've received from city inspectors?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the New York City health department requirement that all restaurants post the letter grades they've received from city inspectors?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	85	12	3

36. How about the New York City health department requirement that most fast-food restaurant chains must include calorie counts on their menus?

(IF NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the New York City health department requirement that most fast-food restaurant chains must include calorie counts on their menus?)

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	81	16	3

37. As you may know, Michael Bloomberg's term as Mayor of New York City is up this year and the term limits law prevents him from running for a fourth term. If Michael Bloomberg were able to run again for mayor, would you vote for him, or not?

	Vote for Bloomberg	Not vote for him	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
8/10-15/12	25	65	8	3
8/2-7/13	36	57	4	4

RELATED TREND: If Rudolph Giuliani were able to run again for mayor in November, would you vote for him, or not?

	Vote for Giuliani	Not vote for him	DK/NA
10/6-9/01*	54	38	7
10/27-11/1/01*	60	35	5

38. After twelve years with Michael Bloomberg as mayor, do you feel confident about life in New York City with a new mayor, or are you uneasy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	41	48	5	5

RELATED TREND: After eight years with Rudolph Giuliani as mayor, do you feel confident about life in New York City with a new mayor, or are you uneasy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Depends	DK/NA
8/5-12/01*	56	33	5	6
10/6-9/01	47	43	3	7
10/27-11/1/01*	50	43	3	5

39. With a new mayor, do you think New York City will be a better place to live or a worse place to live or will it be about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	Depends on who elected (vol.)	Change but not bc of new mayor (vol.)	DK/NA
8/5-12/01*	21	6	42	16		15
8/2-7/13	18	8	54	11	-	9

40. Do you think it is mostly a good idea or mostly a bad idea for the Mayor of New York City to get involved in NATIONAL issues?

	Good idea	Bad idea	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	56	36	8

41. How likely do you think it is that Michael Bloomberg will run for another major political office in the future - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all	DK/NA
10/21-26/05*	33	30	18	11	8
8/2-7/13	34	33	15	14	4

42. Do you think Michael Bloomberg SHOULD run for another major political office in the future, or not? IF YES, ASK: What office would you like to see him run for?

	10/21-6/05*	8/2-7/13
No he shouldn't	46	50
President	3	6
Senator	8	4
Governor	16	9
State Comptroller	1	-
Vice President		1
House of Rep/Congressman		2
Anything/whatever he wants to do		1
Other	2	8
DK/NA	24	20

24. Do you think Michael Bloomberg's personal wealth has made him a better mayor, a worse mayor, or didn't his personal wealth have any impact on his job as Mayor?

	Better mayor	Worse mayor	No impact	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	30	27	35	8

My last few questions are for background only. Are you currently employed, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all?

	Employed	Out of work	Not in market	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	53	18	28	-

How long have you lived in New York City?

	Less than one year	1-10 years	11-20 years	21-30 years	31-40 years	Over 40 years	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	1	17	25	16	11	29	2

In what borough do you NOW live?

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
8/2-7/13	16	30	21	28	6

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	23	28	8	5	7	25	4

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	40	7	9	5	37	1

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	8	56	24	11

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	34	33	26	8

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	Some H.S. grad	College college	Post grad	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	15	29	23	20	13
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How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
8/2-7/13	24	28	32	15	1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Not Hispanic	Hispanic (NET)	Hisp. Interviewed in SPA	Hisp. Interviewed in ENG	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	72	27	11	16	2

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	43	23	10	19	5

Was your total family income, in the year 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000?? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, or between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or over \$30,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it over \$50,000 but under \$75,000, was it over \$75,000 but under \$100,000, was it over \$100,000 but under \$250,000, or was it \$250,000 or over?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	\$100,000- \$250,000	Over \$250,000	DK/NA
8/2-7/13	14	20	20	15	11	11	4	6

Gender

	Male	Female
8/2-7/13	47	53